



*China's latest economic data suggests the recovery there is gaining momentum. Industrial output exceeded the expectations of many analysts in November. Retail sales and investment also showed solid growth. Chris Hogg reports from Beijing:*

China's economy has recovered earlier and more strongly than any other. This **latest data** is further evidence of that **trend**. The **rise in industrial output** confirms what factory owners have been saying for some time now, that customers have been **restocking their inventories** and confidence is returning.

**There are still question marks** though over the stability of the recovery. The **property sector** is showing signs of **overheating**. The government this week announced measures to try to **cool it**. At the same time officials decided to extend tax subsidies for purchases of small vehicles and **appliances** suggesting that some here still believe Chinese manufacturers need government support.

Growth was strongest in heavy industries such as coal, steel, power generation and automobiles. Consumer prices rose in November for the first time since February. But the rise was small and probably reflected higher food prices caused by early snowstorms which destroyed crops and **disrupted transport**.

Chris Hogg, BBC News, Beijing

## Vocabulary and definitions

<b>latest data</b>	the most recently gathered information (facts or numbers)
<b>trend</b>	a general development or change in a situation
<b>rise in industrial output</b>	increase in amount of goods produced
<b>restocking their inventories</b>	re-supplying stock
<b>There are still question marks</b>	there are matters that need to be dealt with or considered
<b>property sector</b>	the buying and selling of buildings
<b>overheating</b>	growing too quickly
<b>cool it</b>	slow things down
<b>appliances</b>	machines or pieces of equipment (especially electrical) that are used in the house, such as a cookers or washing machines
<b>disrupted transport</b>	prevented buses, trains and travel systems from functioning as expected

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